



Women of Providence

In Collaboration



Summer 2026

How good it is to celebrate and share our stories! In this issue, we have a new feature—the Associate Spotlight. Here we are learning of the Providence journey of Linda Hoefflin, an associate with the Sisters of Divine Providence. In addition, we take a look at what our Providence Communities are up to. One community outlines how it looks at its footprints. Another welcomed a transfer sister. We take a look at some significant fund-raising, service awards, Summer Assemblies and a significant increase of service sites.. One community is closing a facility after over 150 years—a bittersweet moment. We take a look at a new leadership team after a lively General Chapter, and we even have new information on a festive Kentucky Derby Party! Yes, our Providence Communities are up to lots of things, all highlighted here

So grab your favorite summertime beverage, take a seat in the shade and come celebrate with us all the ways our God of Providence is blessing us.

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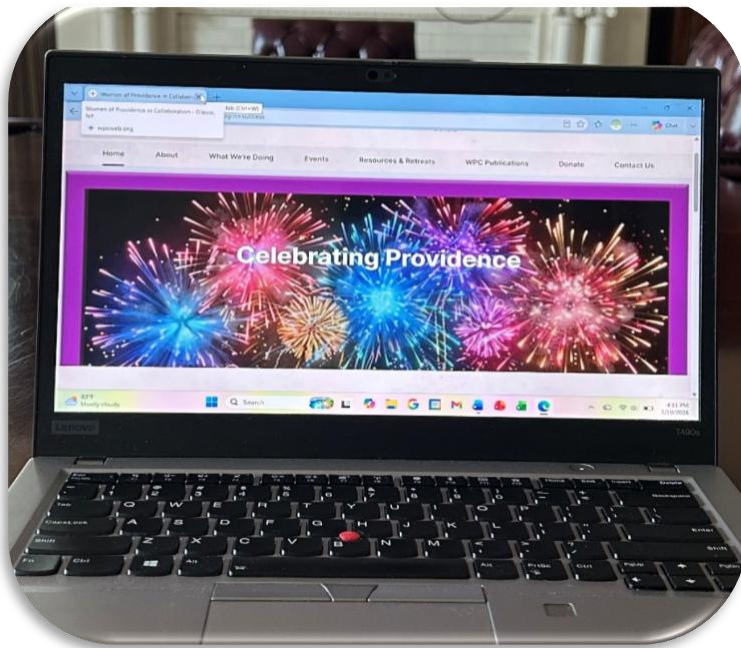
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News from The Desk of the Executive Director, Mary T. Naccarato...



I am eager to share with you that we have done a significant refresh to our website. You can find us at our same cyberspace address: <http://wpcweb.org>. I think you will find it opens up the doors of Providence more widely.

Go ahead and poke around. You will find news from our Associates and our Sisters under 65. You can catch up with our Justice Promoters and the projects they are working on and asking us to join them in their efforts. We have a section that focuses on our Providence Retreat Houses and have space to share our Advent and Lenten prayers and reflections from years past. Future reflections will be there also.

Through the years, many sisters of our Providence Communities have written articles about the Providence charism and our spirituality. You can purchase these resources to help you grow in your knowledge and understanding of what it means to be women and men of Providence today. Visit the site often as we regularly update the information. And while you are at it drop us a note and let up know what you think. We are open to your suggestions. I hope the new website becomes a vital part of your Providence journey.

New Name

I'm so excited to share with you that we are changing our name. *Women of Providence in Collaboration* no longer reflects our reality. Increasingly, we are welcoming men of Providence as Associates, staff and donors. Our new name will be: *Providence Communities in Collaboration* or *PCC* for short.



And, as Providence would have it, we need a new logo! We welcome your creativity and ingenuity in creating something new and fresh. If you have an idea, submit it to providencewpc@gmail.com by August 1st. We will post them on our social media outlets, so others can look them over and cast a ballot indicating their favorite. We have so many talented members. It will be wonderful to see your creativity.

Wishing you a relaxing and refreshing Summer 😊.
Mary T Naccarato, Executive Director

Associate Spotlight ~ Linda Hoefflin
The Sisters of Divine Providence,
Marie de la Roche Province, Allison Park, PA



My Associate Relationship with the Sisters of Divine Providence, Allison Park

When I moved from Phoenix to the St. Louis metro-east area in 1979, I began working at a community hospital owned by the Sisters of Divine Providence in the St. Louis Province. After caring for one of the Sisters, I was invited to the Motherhouse for a visit. That was the beginning of a lifelong connection with the CDP community.

In 1985, the CDP Associate relationship began, and I completed the inquiry classes in 1986. As you can see, I am in my thirty-ninth year of association with the CDP's. That connection has brought much learning and growth personally, in my faith, in my community, and in our charism.

In the early years, in St. Louis, the Associates were included in prayer, worship and celebrations. Later, the Associates were invited to meetings, presentations, and discussions. We learned more about the community, our charism, social justice, and our mission as Associates. We held BBQs, and other celebrations with the Sisters.

After the Provinces merged, the Sisters and Associates in St. Louis became even closer. We held discussions and participated in retreats together. The bond between the Sisters and Associates became stronger as we supported our refugee center in San Benito, TX and our homeless shelter in St. Louis, MO. Our group made sandwiches for a men's shelter in downtown St. Louis. Many volunteered at Room at the Inn. And several trips were made to La Posada in San Benito.

For me, my connection became a way of life. I was schooled in the intricacies of social justice, the knowledge that each human being and in fact, each living thing is important to this earth. I found that I could be effective. I could risk standing up for the poor and downtrodden. I could seek out other cultures to learn from them how important different people can have an impact on my view of our world.

In addition, I realized the inequities both in my Church and my society in the treatment of women. People ask how I can continue my support of the Church. It is MY Church, despite some of the male curia. My community has shown me that Jesus has given me a way to live, a way to interact with others, a way to protect the earth, and a way to work for the equal treatment of all people including women.

I was raised as a cradle Catholic. I attended Catholic school for ten years. In that time, there were two vocations: vowed religious and priests. Prior to Vatican II, I felt, also, that single state was a transition time. A time for Catholics to choose between whether to be a religious or married. My profession was a nurse. In delving more into the Associate relationship, I discovered that my association was a call, a vocation. I had gifts and opportunities that religious and married women did not have nor could take advantage of. As I interacted with my patients, I felt Providence working through me and making God's Providence visible. One of the gifts of the Spirit was the ability to quickly make a connection with patients and families. I was able to pray with and for patients and their families.

Again, my community has encouraged personal growth through various tools such as the Myers Briggs profile and the Enneagram. My first experience with both tools was through the Community. Later, I found used in the corporate world as well. But it was my first experience that helped me to recognize some of my personal opportunities for growth. With the Sisters' guidance,

I have learned to be more comfortable speaking in front of groups, to take on leadership roles, to pray with my own words for myself and others, and to allow Providence to speak through me.



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And now, as I have matured in the ways of Providence, Providence lives within me and guides me in my actions, my interactions, in my prayer life, in my praise life. I am led to search for opportunities to serve the poor, the immigrant, the downtrodden. I have been blest to work with Habitat for Humanity and other homeless services in the States. Fortunately, I have served on mission trips in Puerto Rico, Colombia, the Philippines, and China. For all the gifts in my life, trips to different countries were a way to give back. Sharing my gifts was a way to bring the charism of Providence to others. Each of the experiences has widened my view of people, countries, and our world. Indeed, I have come to see that all humans have much to offer in the way of gifts and of faith. I no longer think of the world as US-centric.

As I took time to reflect on these past thirty-nine years, I realized that although I could not name it, Providence has been in my life for a long time. I moved to the Saint Louis area from Phoenix. Providence led me a job at St. Elizabeth's Hospital (a CDP held hospital) in Granite City from Phoenix. The move, the trip, the search for a job, and the search for an apartment were influenced by Providence. I see that now. Also, meeting the Sisters and getting to know the Community, the charism and mission were instrumental in my reception as an Associate.

Doors to other organizations and Associate groups have been opened to me. The Women of Providence in Collaboration, NACAR, and OPAL have increased my knowledge of other Associate Communities. While there are differences, we are living out the charisms of our communities which in turn leads us to live out the Gospel values. We are in a time of transition and through these groups, I have learned about the importance of collaboration, of sharing resources. We are stronger as we gather.

In closing, I am very thankful to the vowed members, Associates and Amici Cordis members for nurturing the seed of Providence in my heart and soul. I am a better person and continue to grow as a proud Associate of the Sisters of Divine Providence, Allison Park, PA.

News from Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph Providence



Mission Service Opportunities for caregivers at Providence St. Joseph Health expands to 32 sites

For Sr. Susanne Hartung, SP, an effort to connect people with more opportunities to live the mission of the Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph (based in the Pacific Northwest) firsthand is reaching new milestones. The Mission Service Opportunities program provides Providence St. Joseph Health (PSJH) caregivers with a variety of ways to directly serve people facing homelessness or food insecurity in their local communities. The program partners with local organizations that include social centers (e.g. Catholic community services sites), women's and children's shelters, food banks, and even community farms.



*Sr. Susanne with volunteers
Roberto and Ricky*

As of this summer, the program has grown to 32 sites across Washington, Oregon, California, Texas, and Alaska – ensuring that an opportunity to make an impact is close by for many throughout the health system ministry's geographic footprint. The most rapid growth has come over the past two years, with 20 sites added in that time.

All service opportunities within the program emphasize support for people experiencing homelessness, giving those who serve a direct

Sr. Susanne was inspired to build the program about a decade ago, when her ministry in health system leadership began to involve a significant amount of time spent at the administrative offices of Providence's Shared Services department in Renton, Washington.

"I had lots of conversations with people who were sitting at computers all day, and some expressed that they felt they weren't fulfilling the mission of serving the poor and vulnerable," said Sr. Susanne. She conducted a community needs assessment that validated the need to support services within our communities for those who are homeless. While she assured those around her that every action and role in the organization ultimately does strengthen the mission, the message was clear to Sr. Susanne: there was a growing desire to personally serve the most vulnerable.

The first step was to expand the existing presence with a handful of programs in the Puget Sound region. Then came expansion, which has involved outreach to programs in locations that the health system's hospitals and clinics serve, and building a system in which monthly slots are made available for PSJH caregivers to contribute their service. Opportunities include clothing drives, food bank distributions, assembling hygiene kits, and providing meals and community support. "Interaction and conversations with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters bring to life the message of the gospel," said Sr. Susanne. "To know the poor is to serve the poor."

Sr. Susanne also met with the health system's human resources department to ensure caregivers could serve during their work hours. This collaboration resulted in an app that's easily accessible to PSJH caregivers, in which they can conveniently sign up for service opportunities. After registering, caregivers then receive updates for their service from a network of more than 60 service leads who manage the program at a local level. Ana Olazabal-Foma'i works alongside Sr. Susanne to operate and help expand the program as Senior Program Manager. "It has been such a privilege for me to have received a vision for how the mission of Providence can be expanded to the most vulnerable in our society," said Sr. Susanne.

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Providence Unfolding in Hope

We live in a rapidly, ever-changing world. The same is true for religious life. That is why consistent moments for prayer, reflection and dialogue matter. This year the Sisters of the Congregation of Divine Providence gathered in San Antonio for our annual Summer Assembly, Jubilee Celebrations and we joyfully received Sr. Midory Wu, a transfer Sister.

While some Religious Institutes “footprints” are being swept away, we decided to focus on improving what we People of Providence do best: sharing stories of trust in God unfailing Providential love and care that let all know that life is more than shifting sands. As things shift and settle, new footprints emerge.



Our Footprints. Our Summer General Assembly, “Providence Unfolding in Hope,” offered ample time for shared prayer, reflection, dialogue. Dr. Lorena G Gonzales, PhD led us in the sacred endeavor of telling the deeper story of what Providence asks of us in this moment. She taught us how to use storytelling and listening to give voice to our individual and communal journeys and honor the lives of those interwoven with ours. Our honest and vulnerable stories carried glimpses of prayer, challenge, community, openness, grief, gratitude, and hope.

The stories are of walking, adapting, trusting and the power of relationships. They include hopes and dreams of building bridges between communities and charisms. The stories unite. They note new footprints emerging that ensure the Gospel message stays vibrant, alive and relevant.

Associate Footprints. The Congregation received 13 new Associates on May 3, 2026, during the Celebrating Providence Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel. Their varied ages, backgrounds, and connections reflect the enduring nature of God’s unfolding love. These friends, students, colleagues serve in our schools, sponsored ministries, parishes, and workplaces and will integrate Providence spirituality into their everyday. They teach at Providence Catholic School and are professors and the President of Our lady of the Lake University. There is an elder law attorney from California and our director of CDP Mission Integration and Continuity. Many actively serve in their local parishes. As they received their Associate pins, we joyfully affirmed their call to carry the legacy entrusted to them into the future.





Footsteps of a Transfer Sister. On June 26, during Assembly week, Sister Midory Wu, CDP, made her final incorporation into the Congregation of Divine Providence. She embarked on her 3-year journey accompanied by a CDP Companion Sister as she discerned and integrated her previous Congregation's lifestyle and charism with ours. Her deep trust in Providence, courage during change of Congregations, faithful listening, and compassionate leadership as Executive Director of Presentation Ministry Center reveal an ongoing "Yes!" to the movements of Providence. She brings fresh perspectives, new skills, and renewed energy and will use her skills and gifts to spread the charism of Providence spread in different ways.

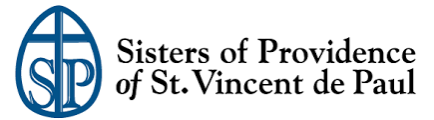
"With deep gratitude to God's Providence, we welcome Sister Midory into our congregation with joy, deep respect and reverence for the journey that has led her to this sacred moment," said Sister Rose Kruppa, CDP, Superior General. "We receive her as our sister, companion, and co-laborer in mission." She added that the incorporation ritual included women religious from eight congregations, "a true witness to our global Sisterhood."

Footsteps of Others. Providence continues to unfold through collaboration, hospitality, and hope. That spirit was palpable during June 28 with Visiting Sunday, a quarterly invitation for friends, family, and Associates of the Congregation to gather to visit with the Sisters, reconnect, and share stories in an informal setting. Sisters serving out of town who were present for Assembly also enjoyed this afternoon time of relationship building.



Providence Unfolds in Hope. We thank God for summer days of deepening our understanding of our charism and mission, building relationships, promoting shared values, and greater belonging. Through the power of the Spirit, may we continue to welcome an ever-broadening network of Providence People called to carry the flame of Providence and its light of hope into our world.

Farewell to Our Foundation House



The Sisters of Providence hosted a Farewell to Foundation House at Providence Manor in Kingston, on Friday, May 29 in the Chapel of Mary, Mother of Sorrows. The Sisters are moving out as the congregation is transferring the building to Providence Care.

Sister Pauline Lally, a resident of Foundation House, offered these words, while four lit candles sat on the altar:



As you can well imagine, this is a bittersweet moment for us Sisters and, for some of you, as well. It has been quite a journey, and we have made it together, for more than a century and a half—for 164 years, 7 months, and 16 days, to be exact.

But now it's time to say good-bye. We do it with some sadness; and we do it with great thankfulness. All good things come to an end. But not Providence! Providence never ends. Our vision and mission live on in you – our wonderful partners in mission, our Associates and the incredibly committed creative ones who hopefully will help to transform Providence Manor into a new place for the vulnerable of today.

As these candles pass on holy light, we recall with gratitude the history of this house and those who lived here.

The first candle burns in memory of the four Sisters of Providence who travelled to Kingston from Montreal on December 13, 1861. Bishop Horan had requested that they begin a new religious congregation which would eventually bear the name Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. They moved into the Foundation House, a former officers' mess, and began welcoming orphans and seniors into their home. Although the candle will be extinguished, we will remember.

With the second candle, we remember Catherine McKinley. A native Kingstonian, she was received into the new community as a novice in 1862 and pronounced final vows in 1864, taking the name Sister Mary Edward. When the Montreal Sisters returned home, Catherine was appointed as the first General Superior of the new congregation. During her terms of office, she oversaw the first two additions to the House of Providence, which later became Providence Manor, and the start of construction of Mother of Sorrows chapel in which we are gathered today. We extinguished this candle, but we will remember.

The third candle is in memory of all the Sisters of Providence, both living and deceased, who lived in Foundation House over the past 165 years. They served the Kingston community in many ministries and were a presence of compassion to all who lived in Providence Manor. We extinguished this candle, but we will remember.

The final candle imagines the future of this property. After the residents of Providence Manor move to the new building now under construction at Providence Village, we dream that this site will become a safe, life-giving dwelling place and community gathering centre that will serve people of different ages and circumstances. We will not extinguish this candle right away but will leave its light as a sign of hope for the future, remembering that we trust in Providence and walk in hope.

News from The Sisters of Divine Providence, Marie de la Roche Province, Allison Park, PA



Two Honorees Receive 2026 Ketteler Award for Social Justice



We presented the 2026 Ketteler Award for Social Justice to Sister Janice Vanderneck, CSJ and Jaime Martinez on Sunday, April 12, 2026. In 1998, we instituted the Ketteler Award to honor individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice. Both Sister Janie and Jaime are passionate about assisting and protecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters - our local refugees, seeking safety and security. Sister Janice Vanderneck is the Founding Director of Casa San José, a Pittsburgh nonprofit, resource and welcome center for the Latino community. Jaime Martinez is the founder and executive director of Frontline DIGNITY, a national initiative that equips everyday people, neighbors, faith leaders, workers, and

organizers—with the tools to witness, document, accompany, and protect one another when dignity is under threat.

Kingston Associates and Students Visit Pittsburgh for a Mission Trip



In May, CDP Associates and students from Sacred Heart Middle School in Kingston, MA, visited the Sisters at The Commons in Pittsburgh. The trip was filled with service, prayerful retreat and activities, such as painting, games, movies, music, and a special May Crowning ceremony. Students also had the opportunity to tour the chapels at La Roche University in the Provincial Motherhouse and in Zappala Student Center. Associate Marissa Raftery, who coordinated the trip with Associate Laura Higgins said, “The trip was beyond my expectations. The Sisters being able to spend time with kids and see their smiles meant the world to me. Growing up with the Sisters was instrumental in my life and I am so glad that my middle schoolers were able to have even a small glimpse of what I experienced. Even though the Sisters are far away they are still changing the lives of the Sacred Heart students.”

Corpus Christi Celebration Brings Prayer, Beauty, and Community to the Memory Garden



Residents and Sisters gathered in their Memory Garden on Sunday, June 1 to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with an hour of prayer, reflection, and devotion centered on the Blessed Sacrament. Instrumental arrangements of beloved Eucharistic hymns filled the air as participants spent the hour in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. At noon, the bells from the former Motherhouse tower rang out, signaling the conclusion of the Angelus and the beginning of Benediction. Sisters scattered rose petals along the path before the Blessed Sacrament, while others showered petals from above, creating a colorful expression of faith and devotion. The celebration concluded as bells rang once again. In a fitting symbol of hope and new life, butterflies that had been lovingly

nurtured by the Sisters over the previous two weeks were released into the clear sky. Surrounded by prayer, music, flowers, and one another, those gathered found themselves touched by a profound sense of gratitude and blessing on this feast celebrating the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

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Sister Caritas Endowed Nurses Education Fund tops \$1 Million

In 2023, when Sister Mary Caritas Geary, SP celebrated her 100th birthday, the Board and Management of Mercy Medical Center where she had served as President / CEO for 16 years, decided to establish in her name the Sister Caritas Endowed Nurses Education (SCENE) Fund. Sister Caritas was a member of the Mercy Nursing School class of 1945 and has advocated for nursing education throughout her career.

In the photo above, Diane & Harold Grinspoon, celebrate with Sr. Kathleen Popko, & Sr. Mary Caritas Geary.

The original SCENE fundraising goal of \$100,000 generated 200 gifts from individuals, foundations, and admirers of Sister Caritas, including a \$25,000 challenge/matching grant from philanthropist Harold Grinspoon and his foundation to launch the effort. The challenge was quickly met. When presenting his check, Mr. Grinspoon issued another challenge to establish a permanent endowment and offered a \$100,000 challenge. Inspired by this positive response, the Mercy and Trinity Health of NE (THONE) fundraising team worked toward the goal of \$1 million dollars.

Fast forward three years, as Sister Caritas approaches her 103rd birthday in August, Mercy Medical Center held a special appreciation event to announce that the SCENE Fund had secured \$1 million in donations!!!

Donors, staff from Mercy Medical Center and THONE, Sisters of Providence and friends gathered at the Delaney House in Holyoke to rejoice in this amazing outcome to assist Mercy colleagues who want to become certified nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered nurse, or to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing would be able to apply for funding support.

Overwhelmed by their generosity, Sr. Caritas thanked all involved and expressed delight to learn that her desire to extend eligibility, not only to Mercy Medical Center staff, but also to all the entities within the Sisters of Providence Ministry Corporation, would now be a reality. This broadens her efforts as she engages with, encourages, and now supports young people seeking careers in nursing.



Debbie Bitsoli, President of Trinity Health of NE Medical Group, presents flowers to Sr. Mary Caritas in honor of her extraordinary life of dedicated service.



State Awards SPs Grant For Affordable Elder Housing

May 4, 2026, was a special day. The Sisters of Providence were invited by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to the presentation of the Massachusetts 2026 Supportive Housing Awards in Lynn, MA. SP President Kathleen Popko, with SP Ministry Corporation CEO and COO, Kim Davis and Anne Chapdelaine, were there to hear the good news - the Sisters of Providence were awarded a \$2.4 million grant!

Massachusetts Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Juana Martias (second from left) congratulates Sr. Kathleen Popko, SP, CEO Kim Davis, and COO Anne Chapdelaine, both of the Sisters of Providence Ministry Corporation.

The SPs new housing project, temporarily called Hillside: Phase III, will add 24 units of independent, affordable, elder housing to the 26-acre Hillside at Providence campus. This three-story, newly constructed building is designed as a service-enriched facility for people 62 and older and will be developed as a mixed income facility serving households from 30 - 80% of Area Median Income.

This initiative is part of the Sisters' 15-year effort to transform the former Brightside for Families and Children from a focus on children to a campus that addresses the needs of elders.

Phase I addressed renovation of the 78,000 sq. ft. administration building, now called **The de Paul Center**, that leases space to non-profit organizations, including a floor dedicated to a PACE program (Program for All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly), which opened in March 2014.

Phase II encompassed creation of 34-units of affordable housing elders, called **Hillside Residence**, plus two units for respite care. This innovative program completed in 2019 focuses on frail elders at risk of placement in a nursing home and whose healthcare needs are met through the Mercy LIFE (PACE) program on the same campus. This integrated program has been highly successful with 47% of the residents still in place after 5 years.

Ground breaking for Hillside: Phase III will occur in late 2026 with a grand opening in 2027.



Honoring past, present White Violet Center Directors

At the 26th Earth Day Festival on April 18, in honor of the 30th anniversary of White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, the Sisters of Providence honored the four directors the ministry has had.

The honored directors included Sister Ann Sullivan, SP, founder of White Violet Center; Sister Maureen Freeman, CSJ; Lorrie Heber; and Mary Riley.

At the suggestion of the Congregation's Climate Crisis Task Force, the Sisters have chosen to honor a person or persons annually with their newly established *Laudato Si'* award. The award will recognize an individual or group whose work embodies the spiritual, ecological and justice-centered vision of *Laudato Si'*. It also affirms the honorees' ongoing commitment to ecological conversion and environmental justice rooted in Providence Spirituality.

"It is not just an award we will give today," then-General Superior Sister Dawn Tomaszewski said at the ceremony. "It is a recognition of a lived commitment to ecological stewardship, solidarity and integral human development.

"For 30 years, our community has been stronger and better because these four women have led the charge in collaborating, engaging and educating as directors of White Violet Center for Eco-Justice."



Honorees included (front, from left) Sister Ann Sullivan, SP, Sister Maureen Freeman, CSJ, (back), Lorrie Heber and Mary Riley along with General Superior Sister Dawn Tomaszewski.

News from Sisters of Providence,
St. Mary Of The Woods, Indiana



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Sister Regina Gallo (left) and Sister Becky Keller entering the special Jubilee Mass.

Celebrating Jubilees and First Vows

As the Sisters of Providence opened up the 2026 General Chapter, there was cause for celebration as the Congregation honored both a Silver and Golden Jubilarian as well as a Sister professing first vows.

The special Jubilee Mass took place on Saturday, June 27, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, honoring Sister Regina Gallo for 25 years and Sister Becky Keller for 50 years of ministry.

General Superior Sister Dawn Tomaszewski said, "It was no surprise to me that our jubilarians, Sisters Becky Keller and Regina Gallo, chose our General Chapter theme, 'Sowing Seeds of Hope,' as their own theme for this celebration of their golden and silver jubilee. After all, they have been sowing seeds of hope for 25 and 50 years as Sisters of Providence. And for that, we are very grateful."

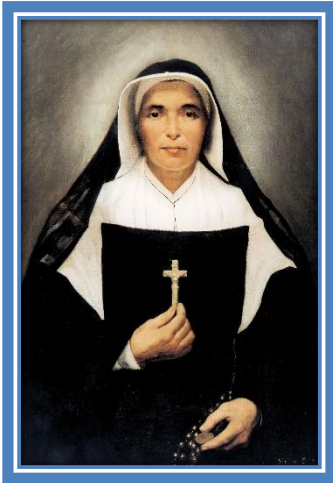
Sister Regina entered the Congregation in September 2001 and professed perpetual vows in June 2011. Currently, she ministers in bereavement for families and as an individual grief counselor in the greater Chicago area. Sister Becky entered the Congregation in 1976 and professed perpetual vows in 1984. She currently ministers in health care and outreach ministries at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The following day, the Congregation had a special Mass to celebrate the profession of first vows by Sister Stephanie Rivas. Sister Stephanie, a native of San Antonio, Texas, entered the Congregation on September 10, 2023. She ministers as a Social and Emotional Learning and Digital Citizenship Teacher at Central Catholic School in Indianapolis. "Stephanie Rivas, it is Jesus who has summoned you here today because he loves you. Because he loves you, he is counting on you to go forth, as our Chapter theme suggests, to sow seeds of hope for the life of the world," Sister Dawn proclaimed.



Pictures in the photo above, Sister Stephanie Rivas (left) with General Superior Sister Dawn Tomaszewski.

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**Celebrating 20 years
of Sainthood!**

As the United States celebrates 250 years, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champions in Champion, Wisconsin, celebrated some of the holy heroes of our land. From July 1-9, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin was one of 76 holy women and men celebrated – all Saint and or in the process toward Sainthoods – who helped to shape the country.

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin. A representative of the Sisters of Providence offered a table of information, books, giveaways, prayers and even a special relic of Saint Mother Theodore's at the event July 4-5. Each day during the nine-day event, information on Mother Theodore was shared via video, presentation and/or display. We are grateful to share this strong and wonderful woman of God with even more people.

And 20 years after the canonization of Mother Theodore Guerin, the Sisters of Providence are rooted in her legacy and invited to continue her story in their own time.

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Providence Community for a communal pilgrimage marking the 20th anniversary of the canonization of Mother Theodore Guerin on Sunday, October 11.

Grounded in the theme "Rooted in Her Legacy: Continuing the Story," the prayerful journey will invite all to reflect on how Saint Mother Theodore Guerin's life of faith, courage and love continues to unfold to this day.

During the pilgrimage, all are invited to consider how her canonization is not only a moment to remember, but an invitation to carry her spirit forward in their own lives.

The pilgrimage will conclude in time to enter Mass as one community followed by a shared picnic lunch.

The opening of the cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Mother Theodore took place in September 1909. She received the title of "Venerable" by Pope John Paul II in July 1992 and the title of "Blessed" by Pope John Paul II in October 1998. She was canonized as Saint Theodora on October 15, 2006, by Pope Benedict XVI at a ceremony in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in Rome. Her Feast Day is October 3.

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The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, new leadership team for 2026-31

(front, from left) General Councilor Sister Norene Wu, General Superior Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp, (back, from left) General Councilor Sister Anne Therese Falkenstein, Vicar Sister Lisa Stallings and General Councilor Sister Tracey Horan.

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, wrapped up their 41st General Chapter by electing their new leadership team for the next five years.

The team includes newly-elected General Superior Sister Jeanne Hagelskamp, along with Sister Lisa Stallings as Vicar, and General Councilors Sister Anne Therese Falkenstein, Sister Tracey Horan and Sister Norene Wu.

Prior to being elected as General Superior, Sister Jeanne ministered as the Congregation's Vicar/General Treasurer. Sister Lisa served as the Congregation's Coordinator of Liturgy while Sister Anne Therese ministered as a General Councilor.

In addition, Sister Tracey served as the Associate Director of Education and Advocacy for the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Ariz., and Sister Norene ministered as the Congregation's Director of Novices in the United States.

The Congregation concluded the 2026 General Chapter on Tuesday, July 7 with a Mass and Blessing of the Leadership Team. The officers-elect will be officially installed during a Eucharistic Liturgy on Saturday, September 5, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

News from The Congregation of Divine Providence,
Melbourne, Kentucky



There is so much goodness to celebrate among the Sisters of Divine Providence of Kentucky this summer!



May opened with a wonderful spirit of celebration and community. On Saturday, May 2nd, we gathered with our Associates for a festive Kentucky Derby party. While we may not have “partied all night,” as the picture suggests, we certainly enjoyed plenty of laughter and fun! The next day, we celebrated the feast of our founder, Blessed Jean Martin Moye, with Mass followed by coffee and donuts. It was a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for our founder, our first sisters, and the Mission of Providence they so faithfully entrusted to us.

We have also been grateful for meaningful opportunities to stand together and raise our voices for peace and justice. In March, many of us held signs, and several marched in Cincinnati’s No Kings rally. In May, Sr. Mary Agnes Cashman and Sr. Virginia Patrick joined more than 1,000 people in Selma, Alabama, for the first leg of All Roads Lead to the South’s National Day of Action for Voting Rights, protesting a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision. In each of these moments, we continue to trust in God’s providence as we join with others in working to bring about God’s kingdom.



One of the great joys of this year has been celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Associate Community! Throughout the year, we have honored this wonderful milestone with prayerful and festive gatherings, culminating in a special weekend of prayer, pilgrimage, and a Mass and banquet celebration on Sunday, June 28th. During the Mass, we were delighted to welcome two new members into the Associate Community, Rachel Alonzo and Jerri Abramis, pictured here with their Formation Facilitator, Marilyn Schleyer. What a beautiful, Spirit-filled celebration of community, faith, friendship, and Providence!